

BOWLANDER HIKE - 30th/31st March 2019.

TEAM INFORMATION.

Team Name: Team number:

Your start information pack is attached and should include the following information:- route card with grid references, route card guidelines, maximum score information, Country Code, equipment checklist, emergency card, Parental Consent form, In Touch guidelines and team list.

Route card with map references -

Two copies of the route card will be completed at the District team briefing. They must be completed with all relevant information, including journey times, and one copy may be kept for use during the event with the other being retained by your District rep for scoring. You will need Ordnance Survey Outdoor Leisure Sheet 41 (Forest of Bowland) throughout the event.

There are 2 versions of the route card attached - a pdf version and an Excel file. You only need to use one of these - whichever you prefer! Please note which colour route you are meant to be following to ensure you complete the route card correctly!

Route card guidelines-

This provides a guide to estimating journey times to help you complete the route card. Your route cards will be carefully checked and may be returned if the details appear inaccurate. Your Saturday start time is shown in the email you received with all the start information and your Sunday start time should be based on being half an hour later than the Saturday start time.

Maximum score information -

This illustrates how each element of the event is scored, which you may find of use during the competition. Points during the hike are awarded for accuracy of arrival times against estimated times on your route card. Each leg of the hike is scored separately, therefore one poor leg won't ruin your overall chances! All points awarded are at the total discretion of the organisers.

Country Code -

This is included as a reminder of your responsibilities to others, during the course of this event.

Equipment checklist -

This details all the equipment you are required to carry with you during the event, both personal and team equipment. Again points will be awarded for the full range of equipment carried. Please **note** that Camping Gaz cartridges (the non re-sealable ones) are banned from all West Lancashire events for safety reasons. Only screw-fit re-sealable cartridges will be allowed. Please note the minimum requirement for emergency rations.

Emergency cards -

One must be printed for each member of the team, and **must** be carried by each team member at all times during the event. In an emergency, contact should be made with the event In Touch person on (01995) 61336 unless serious injury has occurred when the appropriate emergency service should be called first.

Parental Consent forms -

Again, one must be printed for each team member. These **must** be returned at your District briefing. The identity of team members will be checked against these forms prior to starting the hike. Any last minute team changes **must** bring a completed Parental Consent form with them, and **must** have the approval of your ADC Scouts.

Start time -

All teams will meet at the Bowland Wild Boar Park, Chipping, Preston PR3 2QT (map ref SD 652 450) early on Saturday 28th April 2018. Your actual start time is shown in the attached file called BOWLANDER 2019 Team start times and routes. Your equipment and clothing will be

checked once again, before you start hiking. Please arrive at least half an hour before your start time - the AA route planner says it will take approximately 32 minutes from Broughton roundabout (M55 J1/M6 J32) and the distance is approximately 14.3 miles!

In Touch System

This outlines how communications will be handled between the organisers, the Scouts and their parents/home contacts.

Home Contact Guidelines -

These include a step-by-step guide for your home contact to follow, a checklist and a prompt sheet to record any details if contacted. Your home contact should not be related to any members of the team, and should be able to contact parents/guardians of all team members at any time during the event.

Home contacts **will be used** to arrange the collection of teams, should they **withdraw** from the competition at any time during the event.

Team List -

These are contained within the Home Contact details. You should complete 2 copies of this, one to be given to your home contact and the other to be returned at your District briefing, once all details have been completed.

Camping Passport -

All teams are encouraged to use their own camping passports for the event, although there will be an overall NAN form completed for the entire event.

Notes -

Teams **must** stay together at all times, and **must** report to a checkpoint if they wish to withdraw from the hike. Teams withdrawing from the Competition will be asked to contact their Home Contact in order to arrange their collection from the event control area. Teams are encouraged to carry a mobile phone during the event for emergency purposes (a contact number will be given to each team at the start) but **must not** use it to contact Parents/Guardians directly, as this contravenes Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

If you come across another team in distress, please use your common sense and report this to the next checkpoint you reach.

Please **ADD** your team number to **ALL** paperwork.

Important -

As usual we will be using keyfobs again for all teams as an aid to speeding up the scoring process. You will be issued with a fob at the Start and you will be disqualified if the fob is lost during the event. The fob **MUST** be used to swipe a reader at each checkpoint along the route, and checkpoint staff will remind you how to do this - you need to swipe twice and hear 2 audible bleeps (once as you arrive at the checkpoint and once as you are about to leave).

We will also be trialling a small number of gps trackers to make it easier for the sweeper teams should a team go astray. Eventually we hope to have enough for each team, but in the meantime a number of teams will be selected for the trial!